

(a) the number of reservoir schemes in various districts of Bihar, where the construction works are lying incomplete since 1975;

(b) the estimated cost, scheduled time for these projects and the reasons for delaying these for 20-25 years resulting 10-15 times cost escalation and depriving the farmers from irrigation facility;

(c) whether the Government propose to complete these projects by refixing the time schedule in public interest; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) and (b) A Statement is enclosed.

(c) and (d) The Central Government has allocated Rs. 20 crores to Kosi Project, Rs. 5 crores to Upper Koel Project and Rs. 2 crores to Durgawati Project under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme during 1996-97. Out of the above allocation Rs. 10 crores, Rs. 2.5 crores and Rs. 1.0 crores have been released to the above Projects.

The completion of these projects will however depend upon the priority attached to them by the State Government.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of Project	Districts Benefitted	Plan of Start	Latest estimated cost (Rs. in crores)
Major Projects				
1.	Western Kosi Canal	Madhubani, Darbhanga	III	357.44
2.	Ajoy Barrage	Deoghar	V	133.11
3.	Subernrekha	Singhbhum	V	1428.89
4.	Barnar	Munger	V	102.38
5.	Bateshwarnath Pump Ph. I	Bhagalpur	V	136.67
6.	Bagmati	Sitamarhi	V	314.67
7.	Bansagar	Bhojpur	V	140.00
8.	Durgawati	Rohtas	V	147.40
9.	Konar	Hazaribagh	V	225.40
10.	North Koel	Palamu	V	475.00
11.	Tilaiya	Hazaribagh, Nawada, Gaya	V	121.83
Medium Projects				
1.	Batane	Palamu	V	34.78
2.	Bateshwarnath Pump Ph. II	Bhagalpur	V	24.23
3.	Gumani	Santhal Pargana	V	58.42
4.	Jhariahara	Singhbhum	V	24.50
5.	Kans	Ranchi	V	18.40
6.	Orni	Bhagalpur	V	37.86
7.	Sakrigali	Santhal Pargana	V	10.80
8.	Torai	Santhal Pargana	V	56.18

Status of Municipality to Cantonment Board, Ranikhet

1518. SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT 'BACHDA': Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether residents of Almora district in Uttar Pradesh have been demanding to accord the status of Municipality to the Cantonment Board, Ranikhet since the past many years;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the steps being taken to meet the demand of the people ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) As per provisions contained in Section 4 of the Cantonments Act, 1924, any part of Cantonment may be excluded from the Cantonment area only after consulting the concerned State Government. As such, the matter was taken up by Ministry of Defence with the Government of Uttar Pradesh in the year 1988 but views of the Government of Uttar Pradesh are still awaited. The final decision in the matter, therefore will depend on the response of the State Government.

Increase in Military Activities of Pak

1519. SHRI SATYA DEO SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the military activities of Pakistan have increased after the announcement by India for fencing the Indo-Pakistan border with barbed wire to check the intrusion and smuggling across the border; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to check the increasing military activities of Pakistan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) and (b) Intermittent firings of small arms from Pakistani side across the IB portion of J&K have increased consequent upon Government's decision to construct the border fence with a view to checking infiltration and smuggling. Appropriate and adequate measures including additional deployment of BSF have been taken to counter Pakistani action.

12.02 hrs.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Annual Report and Review by the Government of the Mishra Dhatu Nigam Limited, Hyderabad and Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, Bangalore for the year 1995-96 and Statement showing the reasons for delay in laying these papers

[Translation]

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MULAYAM SINGH YADAV) : Mr. Speaker, I beg to lay on the Table :

A copy each of the following papers (Hindi and English versions) under sub-section (1) of section 619 of the Companies Act, 1956 :-

- (a) (i) Review by the Government of the working of the Mishra Dhatu Nigam Limited, Hyderabad, for the year 1995-96.
- (ii) Annual Report of the Mishra Dhatu Nigam Limited, Hyderabad, for the year 1995-96, alongwith Audited Accounts and comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

[Placed in the Library. See No. L.T. 1440/97]

- (b) (i) Review by the Government of the working of the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, Bangalore, for the year 1995-96.
- (ii) Annual Report of the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, Bangalore, for the year 1995-96, alongwith Audited Accounts and comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

(2) Two statements (Hindi and English versions) showing reasons for delay in laying the papers mentioned at (1) above.

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Annual Report and Review by the Government of the Working of Khuda Bakhsh Oriental Public Library, Patna and Statement showing the reasons for delay in laying these papers

[English]

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : On behalf of Shri S.R. Bommai, I beg to lay on the Table :

- (1) (i) A copy of the Annual Report (Hindi and English versions) of the Khuda Bakhsh Oriental Public Library, Patna, for the year 1993-94, alongwith Audited Accounts.
- (ii) A copy of the Review (Hindi and English versions) by the Government of the working of the Khuda Bakhsh Oriental Public Library, Patna, for the year 1993-94.
- (2) Statement (Hindi and English versions) showing reasons for delay in laying the papers mentioned at (1) above.

[Placed in Library. See No. L.T. 1442/97]

Notifications under Major Port Trusts Act, 1963 and Statement showing reasons for delay in laying these papers

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : I beg to lay on the Table :

- (1) A copy each of the following Notification (Hindi and English versions) under sub-section (4) of section 124 of the Major Port Trusts Act, 1963:-
- (i) G.S.R. 432 (E) published in Gazette of India dated the 20th September, 1996 approving the Bombay Port Trust Employees (Recruitment, Seniority and Promotion) Amendment Regulations, 1996.
- (ii) G.S.R. 455 (E) published in Gazette of India dated the 7th October, 1996 approving the Visakhapatnam Port Employees' (Leave) Amendment Regulations, 1996.
- (iii) G.S.R. 536 (E) published in Gazette of India dated the 22nd November, 1996 approving the Kandla Port Pilot Service (Training, Grading and Seniority) Amendment Regulations, 1996.

[Placed in Library. See No. L.T. 1443/97]

- (2) (i) A copy of the Annual Report (Hindi and English versions) of the Kandla Dock Labour Board, Kandla, for the year 1995-96, alongwith audited Accounts.
- (ii) A copy of the Review (Hindi and English versions) by the Government of the working of the Kandla Dock Labour Board, Kandla, for the year 1995-96.